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In re Application of :  
Flotats, et al. :  
Application No.10/766,554 : **DECISION GRANTING PETITION**  
Filed: August 13, 2004 :  
Attorney Docket No. 200206527-1 :

This is a decision on the petition filed August 13, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of August 13, 2004, with Figures 9,10,and 11 as part of the original disclosure.

On January 27, 2004, the above-identified application was filed. On June 21, 2004, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" (the "Notice"), stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of January 27, 2004, however, Figures 9, 10, and 11 as described in the specification appeared to have been omitted. Relative to the omitted drawings, the Notice allowed a non-extendable two-month period for reply beginning from the mailing date of the Notice.

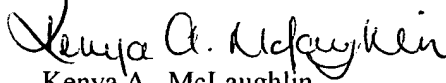
In response, on August 13, 2004, applicants filed the present petition, figures, 9, 10, and 11, and an executed declaration and requested that the application be accorded a filing date as of the date the omitted drawings were filed.

Upon review of the record, Figures 9, 10, and 11 have not been located among the application papers, and applicant has requested that the application be accorded a filing date of August 13, 2004---the date the omitted figures were filed. The application is, therefore, accorded a filing date of August 13, 2004, with Figures 9, 10, and 11 as part of the original disclosure.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of August 13, 2004.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0010.

  
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